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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

FOOD GRADE WAX AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 18, The three-month shortened statutory period was set to 2000. expire on November 18, 2000; accordingly a petition for a two-month extension and check for same is being filed herewith, extending the period for response to January 18, 2001.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 14 as follows:

(Amended) A food grade wax composition prepared from crude sugar cane wax, said composition comprising on a weight basis: wax